

Amendment to the Abstract:

Please delete previous abstract on the cover page of International Application No. PCT/US2000/14743, and add the following new abstract to page 17 of the application:

--The invention provides a method or promoting healing of a wound, e.g., an epithelial wound, in an animal. The method involves administering cultured autologous fibroblasts to the wound.--

A copy of the above new Abstract is enclosed herewith.